

Need help preparing your taxes this year?

An Update from Congresswoman LINDA SÁNCHEZ



VITA Sources for Free Tax Assistance

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| Cerritos Senior Center 12340 South St Cerritos, CA | 4/13/09 | MON: 1pm-4pm April 6 and April 13 only | YES | (562) 916-8550 | Seniors |
| Dollarhide Senior Center 1108 N Oleander Ave Compton, CA | 4/14/09 | TUES: 9am-11am E-file Not Available | YES | (310) 605-5688 | Seniors and Low Income |
| The Barbara J Riley Community and Senior Center 7810 Quill Dr Downey, CA | 4/13/09 | MON & WED: 7:30am - 4pm | YES | (562) 904-7223 | Seniors |
| La Mirada Activity Center 13810 La Mirada Blvd La Mirada, CA | 4/15/09 | TUES & WED: 9am-12:30pm (seniors only) TUES: 4pm-6:30pm (low-income only) | NO | (562) 902-3160 | Seniors and Low Income |
| Weingart Center 5220 Oliva St Lakewood, CA | 4/13/09 | MON & THURS: 9am-12pm | YES | (562) 630-6141 | General Public |
| Houghton Park Center 6301 Myrtle Ave Long Beach, CA | 4/8/09 | WED: 9am - 12pm | YES | (562) 570-1640 | Seniors and Low Income |
| Long Beach Senior Center 1150 E 4th St Long Beach, CA | 4/15/09 | MON-FRI: 8am-12pm | NO | (562) 570-3500 | General Public |
| Grant AME Church 10435 S Central Ave Los Angeles, CA | 4/11/09 | SAT: 9am-12:30pm | YES | (323) 564-1151 | Seniors and Low Income |
| The Neighborhood Center 9255 Pioneer Blvd Santa Fe Springs, CA | 4/13/09 | MON & WED: 6pm-7:30pm SAT: 8:30am-10:10am | YES | (562) 692-0261 | Seniors and Low Income |
| People's Community Center 8015 Long Beach Blvd South Gate, CA | 4/15/09 | MON-FRI: 4pm-8pm | YES | (323) 826-9440 | General Public |
| South Gate Senior Center 4855 Tweedy Blvd South Gate, CA | 4/15/09 | TUES: 9am-11am | YES | (323) 357-9662 | Seniors and Low Income |
| Whittier Senior Center 13225 Walnut St Whittier, CA | 4/10/09 | THURS-FRI: 9am-12pm | YES | (562) 464-3370 | Seniors |
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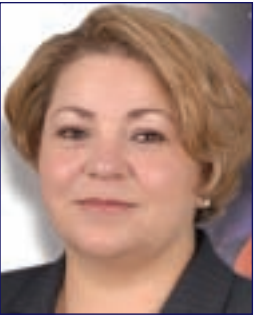
WHAT TO BRING:

- Proof of identification

■ Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents

■ Current year's tax package - if you received them in the mail
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■ If applicable, receipts or statements from health care providers and the child's identification number



DEAR NEIGHBOR,

April 15th – Tax Day – is coming up quickly. Will you be ready? If you need help filing your taxes this year, there are resources to assist you. The Internal Revenue Service certifies volunteers to provide free tax assistance in many locations through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Also, don't forget to see if you are eligible to receive the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**, a federal tax credit designed to help working families making less than \$41,646 a year. Every year, more than 20% of families and individuals eligible for the EITC don't take it – and in these tough times, that help is more important than ever.

Finally, I've included a description of the new tax cuts included in the **Economic Recovery Package** that was recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama. If you would like to receive more updates on current legislation, visit www.lindasanchez.house.gov to sign up for my e-newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Congress. **Please don't hesitate to contact me** with additional questions or concerns, or if my office can ever be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Linda T. Sánchez

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■ If applicable, receipts or records of payments to day care providers and the day care provider's tax identification number
- Your spouse, if married and filing jointly, to sign the required forms

■ Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R

■ A copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available



You Earned It, Just Ask For It! – Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal tax credit to help working families with incomes below \$41,646 and childless workers with incomes under \$15,880. Averaging about \$1,700 per filer, the EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may even give you a refund – meaning more money in your pocket. In fact, if everyone in our part of southeast L.A. County remembered to take the credit, it would mean over \$10 million in extra income helping our local families and our local economy. To get the credit, fill out the line labeled “Earned Income Credit” on your federal tax form.

Are You Eligible for the EITC?

If you earn less than the amounts below, you may be eligible for EITC.

| INCOME | FILING STATUS | DEPENDENTS |
|----------|---------------|------------|
| \$41,646 | married with | 2+ |
| \$38,646 | single with | 2+ |
| \$36,995 | married with | 1 |
| \$33,995 | single with | 1 |
| \$15,880 | married with | 0 |
| \$12,880 | single | 0 |

Legislative Update:

New Tax Cuts in the Economic Recovery Package

As a new member of the Ways and Means Committee in Congress, I am working to ensure that families benefit from the Economic Recovery Package, signed into law by President Barack Obama. Here is a brief overview of some of the key tax cuts and relief included in the legislation:

- “MAKING WORK PAY” TAX CUT – Provides immediate and sustained tax cuts to about 95 percent of workers and their families through a refundable tax credit of \$400 per worker and \$800 per couple. Working families will see an immediate reduction of taxes taken out of their paychecks.
- EXPANDING CHILD TAX CREDIT – Cuts taxes for the families of nearly 16 million children through an expansion of the child tax credit.
- EXPANDING EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – Expands the Earned Income Tax Credit by providing tax relief to families with three or more children.
- CREATING A NEW, MORE GENEROUS COLLEGE TAX CREDIT – Helps more than 4 million additional students attend college with a new \$2,500 tax credit for families.
- PROTECTION FROM ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX – Protects 26 million middle-class families from being hit by the alternative minimum tax.
- IMPROVING TAX CREDIT FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS – Increases the first-time homebuyer’s tax credit to \$8,000 and removes the repayment requirement.
- TAX DEDUCTION FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES – Provides a tax deduction for state and local sales taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, and SUVs.
- JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED VETERANS AND YOUTH – Provides businesses with a tax credit for hiring recently discharged veterans and youth that have been out of work and school for the 6 months prior to hire.



Congresswoman Linda Sánchez talks with a constituent about services available in the community.



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INSIDE:

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez provides a guide to free tax assistance resources and an update on the new tax cuts included in the Economic Recovery Package.